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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 154.02, F.S.; providing for additional uses of funds in the County Health Department Trust Fund; deleting a provision increasing the emergency reserve each year in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index; repealing s. 216.2625, F.S., relating to disbursement of Department of Health trust funds and appropriation of authorized positions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 154.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, paragraph (b) of present subsection (5) is amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

154.02 County Health Department Trust Fund. --

(3) Funds from the County Health Department Trust Fund may be expended by the Department of Health for the respective county health departments in accordance with budgets and plans agreed upon by the county authorities of each county and the Department of Health.

(6) (5) At a minimum, the trust fund shall consist of:

(b) An emergency reserve of \$500,000, derived from an annual assessment on county health department funds based upon their proportionate share of state general revenue, maintained for county health departments to respond to public health

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emergencies such as epidemics and natural disasters. The emergency reserve shall be increased each July 1 by the increase in the Consumer Price Index that occurred during the previous 12 months.

Section 2. <u>Section 216.2625</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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